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### **AB 2537 (Furutani) Prevailing Wage Exemption for California Corps and Volunteers Headed to Governor's Desk**

Last night, on Assembly concurrence, AB 2537 (Furutani) passed unanimously and with strong bipartisan votes (77 - 0). The bill is now on its way to the Governor's desk where it is expected to be signed without hesitation.

AB 2537 extends the prevailing wage exemption for volunteers and conservation corps members from January 1, 2009 to January 1, 2012. Without a volunteer exemption, volunteers and corps members would be subject to prevailing wage requirements, which would prevent them from continuing their work in improving California communities.

"AB 2537 will save California untold amounts of money by allowing non-profit organizations like the Conservation Corps to work with volunteers to help us with critical programs that help our communities," said Furutani. "I look forward to the Governor signing this bill very soon."

In 2006, California volunteers contributed approximately 860 million hours of community service. Volunteers continue to support California every day as they build Little League fields, create school gardens, plant trees, beautify neighborhoods and engage in numerous other important activities.

AB 2537 will ensure that volunteers will be able to continue to volunteer their time without being subject to prevailing wage requirements. To ensure that this exemption is not abused, AB 2537 extends the exemption to 2012 when it will undergo further review before another extension is granted.

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